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Excellence - hope we can use soon.

(Political purge in Guatemalan Army expected)

ANNOUNCER:

We bring you now a statement by one of the senior Army Officers on active duty who is a member of our Liberation Committee --

OFFICER:

Brother officers and fellow citizens! With deep sorrow, I must give you very shameful news. Sad as this duty is, I am convinced that I would betray my oath of office, if I would not inform you of what I have learned just now. Rest assured that this news has come to me by way of incontrovertible evidence.

Our government has just completed a secret plan to insure the complete political loyalty of the Armed Forces in any emergency. This plan consists of two steps: first, many officers and enlisted men, now on active duty, are to be dismissed or transferred to reserve status, because they have been reported by confidential informants to hold anti-communist views and are therefore suspected to disagree with the political intentions of the President and of his Cabinet.

Second, communists and communist sympathizers, considered sufficiently reliable by the President's Secret Service, are to be appointed to the positions from which the above mentioned anti-communists will have been removed; moreover, they are to fill the ranks of the Army reserve so that they are available for immediate active duty. This will also include quite a few officers and men from the so-called Caribbean Legion.

Implementation of these measures will now be speeded up since the President and his advisers realize that disclosure of the secret arms shipment from the Soviets has convinced even the most non-political officers and men in our Armed Forces that the government is setting the sails of our ship of state close to the chilly wind which

blows from Moscow. Protestations that the government is not communist are no longer being believed by anybody who has eyes to see and brains to understand.

You must therefore expect that the plan which I have just described to you will begin to be realized in the next few days, or at the utmost, weeks.

ANNOUNCER:

You have heard a statement by one of the senior Army Officers on active duty who is a member of our Liberation Committee.

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